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1. There are increasing signs of a shortage of raw materials, particularly steel, in the East Zone of Germany. Details of actual shortages felt by certain firms in this area are as follows:

a. Cyklop, Pirna, Saxony:

There is a shortage of SS-steel, wide-steel,\*, ball-bearings, and saw-blades. There is also a shortage of molding pins in the iron foundry.

b. Daimon- und Elektrotechnik Fabrik Arnstadt, Thuringia:

There is a shortage of sheet metal (nickel-plated).

c. Rheinmetall - Worsig, Soemmerda, Thuringia (SAG Awtowelo):

There is a shortage of rolled plate, silver steel, chromium-nickel steel and steel for tools and springs. As a result of these shortages, 30% of the employees of the firm have been discharged.

d. VEM Elektromotorenbau, Dessau VEB:

There is a shortage of mica foil, which is urgently needed for the production of high-tension machines.

e. VYV Rosslauer Schiffswerft (dockyard) Rosslau, Elbe:

There is a shortage of sheet iron and iron square. Moreover, such materials as are available are of such an inferior quality that there is a production wastage of from 30-40%.

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